



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 7215***

LCO No. 4478



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING COURTHOUSE SECURITY,  
INDEMNIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS AND  
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT OF A PUBLIC TRANSIT EMPLOYEE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2017,  
2       the Judicial Department shall commence training and certification of  
3       judicial marshals to carry firearms in courthouses. The department  
4       shall determine which judicial marshals to train and certify, which  
5       firearms may be carried and in which courthouses such judicial  
6       marshals may carry such firearms.

7       Sec. 2. Section 53-39a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
8       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

9       Whenever, in any prosecution of [an officer of the Division of State  
10       Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
11       Protection, or a member of the Office of State Capitol Police or] any  
12       member of a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a, any  
13       person appointed under section 29-18 as a special policeman for the

14 State Capitol building and grounds, the Legislative Office Building  
 15 and parking garage and related structures and facilities, and other  
 16 areas under the supervision and control of the Joint Committee on  
 17 Legislative Management, or [a local police department] any inspector  
 18 in the Division of Criminal Justice for a crime allegedly committed by  
 19 such [officer] member, person or inspector in the course of [his] duty,  
 20 [as such,] the charge is dismissed or the [officer] member, person or  
 21 inspector found not guilty, such [officer] member, person or inspector  
 22 shall be indemnified by [his] such member's, person's or inspector's  
 23 employing governmental unit for economic loss sustained by [him]  
 24 such member, person or inspector as a result of such prosecution,  
 25 including the payment of attorney's fees and costs incurred during the  
 26 prosecution and the enforcement of this section. Such [officer]  
 27 member, person or inspector may bring an action in the Superior Court  
 28 against such employing governmental unit to enforce the provisions of  
 29 this section.

30 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) A person is guilty of  
 31 aggravated assault of a public transit employee when such person  
 32 commits assault of a public transit employee as provided in section  
 33 53a-167c of the general statutes and in the commission of such offense  
 34 such person uses, or is armed with and threatens the use of or displays  
 35 or represents by such person's words or conduct that such person  
 36 possesses a knife or box-cutter, or a pistol, revolver, shotgun, rifle,  
 37 machine gun or other firearm.

38 (b) Aggravated assault of a public transit employee is a class B  
 39 felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	53-39a
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require firearms training and certification for selected judicial marshals to carry such firearms in selected courthouses, to ensure that all law enforcement professionals who work for the state or a municipality are covered by the indemnification statute and to create a new crime of aggravated assault of a public transit employee.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*